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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the November edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research and evaluation community.

**NATIONAL AND STATE EVALUATION NEWS****FAITH- AND CHARACTER-BASED INSTITUTIONS**

Nancy LaVigne, Diana Brazzell and Kevonne Small from the Urban Institute recently completed a report entitled, *Evaluation of Florida's Faith- and Character-Based Institutions: Final Report*. The report highlights results from a process and impact evaluation of two of Florida's Faith- and Character-Based Correctional Institutions (FCBIs) and outlines findings and recommendations.

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411561\\_fcbi\\_evaluation.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411561_fcbi_evaluation.pdf).

**PRETRIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS**

The North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission recently published, *Pretrial Service Programs in North Carolina: A Process and Impact Assessment*. The report addresses the impact and effectiveness of the state's pretrial services on the community, program participants, and the criminal justice system as well as examining the costs of these services.

<http://www.ncgccd.org/pdfs/pubs/psp.pdf>.

**RECLAIMING FUTURES INITIATIVE**

Jeffrey Butts and John Roman recently completed a study of the Reclaiming Futures Initiative which is focused on providing substance abuse interventions in the juvenile justice system. The report entitled, *Changing Systems: Outcomes from the RWJF Reclaiming Futures Initiative*, presents findings from the first phase of the project.

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411551\\_changing\\_systems.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411551_changing_systems.pdf).

**DEFERRED PROSECUTION**

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy has published a report entitled, *Does Participation in Washington's Work Release Facilities Reduce Recidivism?* The report presents findings on an impact analysis of work release on recidivism.

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/07-11-1201.pdf>.

Useful resources for planning and implementing program evaluations and for developing program performance measures are available at:

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site  
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES & TRAININGS*****THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA)***

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will host four conferences for its 2008 Regional Conference Series. The first conference will be held for the West Region and is scheduled for January 8-10, 2008 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Visit The BJA web site for agenda and registration information.

<http://www.bjaregionalmeetings.com/>.

***THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC)***

The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVCTTAC) will conduct a special training workshop on program evaluation in Birmingham, Alabama, December 4-5, 2007. Visit their web site to register for the training.

<http://www.sei2003.com/ovcttac/evaluation.htm>.

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**The BJA Center for Program Evaluation**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/e-news.htm>.

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